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Dear Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

Please let this letter serve as support of HB55580, "AN ACT CONCERNING THE PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PRIMARY SERVICE AREA TASK FORCE AND THE ELIMINATION OF A MUNICIPAL MANDATE".

HB5580 includes all 5 recommendations of the Emergency Medical Services Primary Services Area Task Force. While all of these recommendations will improve delivery of EMS in Connecticut, it is Recommendation #5, The Alternative Provision of PSA Responsibilities, that would allow municipalities to make a change to their state designated EMS provider in the event that the municipality has a plan to improve improved patient care, create a more efficient allocation of resources, regionalize, or to align with a new EMS provider better suited to meet the community's current needs.

It should be the role of the municipality to select their provider. It should be the role of DPH to ensure that Local EMS Plans comply with the law and those EMS providers meets the required criterion. Home rule is a fundamental aspect of the laws and traditions of every New England state.

Sincerely,

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